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4L26, GEORGIA. On **May 26, 2000**, the "Republic of Georgia" celebrates their "**Day of Independence**". On that day, look for the amateur radio station **4L26MAY** to be active on all bands. QSL via the manager 4L1DA: David Devdariani, Shartava st.7, 380122 Tbilisi, Georgia.

6Y5, JAMAICA. Look for Curt, KE3C, to be active **now through May 13th** as **KE3C/6Y5**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (CW only). There may be some 160 meters activity.

A5, BHUTAN. The "Bhutan 2000 DXpedition Team" is now active as **A52A** from a place called "The Pine Wood Hotel" in **Thimphu**. The team received the callsign A52A, however, all individual operators also received their own personal callsign: Jin/JF1IST/A52IST, Jari/OH2BU/A52BU, Mark/N0MJ/A52MJ, Andy/UA3AB/A52AB, Vince/K5VT/A52VT, Mac/JA3USA/A52US, Bob/K4UEE/A52EE, Yuu/JA3IG/A52IG, Mark/ON4WW/A52WW, Wes/W3WL/A52GB, Al/K3VN/A52VN, James/9V1YC/A52YC, Glenn/W0GJ/A52GJ and Harry/RA3AUU/A52UU. The team began operating Tuesday morning (**May 2nd**) around 1200z and, as of May 6th at 0718z, the team's QSO count was at 35,017. A press release by James, 9V1YC, states that everything is going fine (By the way, all press releases will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as additional bulletins.) He indicates that the team will work **EXCLUSIVE** to North America from 2300-0300Z daily now. For updates and log searches, try their Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/bhutan2000/>

A5, BHUTAN (More!)..... Jim Smith, VK9NS, now signing **A52NS**, continues to be active on both CW and SSB. His activity seem to be mainly on 15/20 meters, but he has been spotted on 40, 17 and 10 meters.

"The Daily DX" reports that the President of the Clipperton DX Club, Gerard, F2VX, announces a team from the CDXC will operate from Bhutan around **September 1st to 15th**. Some of the team members include Alain/ F6ANA, Denise/F6HWU (YL), Alain/F5LMJ and Gerard/F2VX. The team will be active on CW and SSB. More details will follow.

Charles, K4VUD, who is organizing a trip to Bhutan which we reported a few weeks ago now has all of the full details available on a Web page at:

<http://www.unchainedheart.org/dxradio.htm>

CLIPPERTON 2000 - THE STORY (by Mike Goode, N9NS). Read the story and see the very fine selection of pictures made by the team on the Web at:

<http://www.qsl.net/clipperton2000/>

CO, CUBA. Look for Raul, CO8ZZ, to be active during the **CQWW WPX Contest** as a Single Op/Single Band (80 meters)/Low Power entry.

DAYTON HAMVENTION CONTEST DINNER. Tim Duffy, K3LR, reports that Vice Admiral (Retired) J. Scott Redd, K0DQ, (of A92Q fame + others) will address the 8th Annual Dayton Contest Dinner in Dayton, Ohio, on May 20th. Scott has won one national and five world radio contest championships during his contest career. Don't forget the Dayton Contest Super Suite at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton. The large Miami ballroom suite is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. The suite is sponsored by RF Applications and is hosted by North Coast Contesters, Frankford Radio Club and the Mad River Radio Club.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Jacques, F6BEE, will be active from FY5KE's QTH for the upcoming **CQ WPX CW Contest**.

IOTA NEW.....

- **AS-041.** Yuki, **J13DST/6**, will be active from **Oki Islands May 27-29th**.
- **AS-073.** Tex, **9M2TO**, will be active from **Perhentian Island, May 18-21st**. Activity will be on 40-6 meters (CW ONLY) on the normal DX frequencies. QSL via the Bureau to JA0DMV or direct to 9M2TO. All the QSOs QSLs will be sent out automatically to JARL Bureau in June.
- **EU-008.** A team from Cockenzie & Port Seton Amateur Radio Club (C&PS ARC) will once more operate from the **Isle of Tiree** (IOSA NH04, WAB NM04), the most westerly of the Inner Hebridean Islands, during the **RSGB IOTA (Islands on the Air) contest**. During the contest, which runs from 1200z, **July 29th** until 1200z **July 30th**, they will be using the special contest callsign **GM2T**. The operators will be John/MM0CCC, Cambell/MM1AVA, John/GM7OLQ, Colin/GM0CLN, Bob/GM4UYZ, Ron/GM0NTL, Landles/GM4XZZ, Tony/GM3PGY (the islands only resident radio amateur), Iain/MM1CPP, Gordon/MM0BYE, Robert/MM0ANT, Jim/GM7LUN, Bob/GM0BWU and possibly one or two more club members. QSL Manager will be Fred, GM0ALS. There may be some activity (no WARC) outside of the contest using the operator's own callsign or the C&PS ARC Club callsign **MM0CPS/P** This will be restricted to non-contest times between the afternoon of **July 28th** and the evening of **July 30th**. Look for them to be on or near the usual IOTA frequencies. The Isle of Tiree is located at approximate Lat/Long 56 deg 30 min N, 6 deg 51 min W. Tiree is some 10 miles long and 3 miles wide, and is skirted by the Hebridean Sea to the South and East with the Atlantic Ocean to the North and West. The island has no trees, as they cannot root against the severe winter gales, but it is famed for its spring and summer sunshine records. Birds, flora and fauna not seen on the mainland can also be found on the island. A flat crofting land, Tiree has only three hills above 300 ft, with a coastline edged with long, windswept, shell sand beaches. For updates, check out the club's Web page at:

<http://www.btinternet.com/~john.innes/cpsarc/iota.htm>

- **EU-010.** Jim, MM0BQI, will activate **Benbecula**, Outer Hebrides (IOSA OH4) **July 27-31st** as **MM0BQI/P**. Look for him to be active during the **IOTA contest** from the same "winning location" (states Jim) as last year. See QSL info below (EU-092).
- **EU-092.** Jim, MM0BQI, will activate **Summer Isles** (IOSA SC 10) **June 16-18th** as **MM0BQI/P**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (excl WARC) from 1200z on Friday to 1600z on Sunday. Operations will be mostly SSB near the IOTA frequencies, but there will be some CW. His equipment will be a FT1000MP, 10-40m vertical, and dipoles for 40/80m. QSL via home callsign via the RSGB or direct to: Jim Martin, 3 Lismore Avenue, Edinburgh, EH8 7DW, SCOTLAND.
- **EU-099.** Ronan, F5TJP, will be active as **MJ/F5TJP/P** from **Les Minquiers** from **June 9-11st**. He will be active from 80-10 meters (WARC bands included).
- **EU-133.** The members of RZ1AWO will be active from **Gogland Island** (RR-0104) as **R1AP** now **through May 10th**. QSL via UA1CKC, P.O.Box 70, Kingisepp 188450, Russia.
- **NA-076.** Fred, KF9YL, will be operating from **Cedar Key (FL)** during the **IOTA Contest (July 28-30th)**. QSL via bureau or direct to KF9YL at: Fred Levinson, P.O. Box 291891, Davie, FL, 33329-1891 USA.

JU, MONGOLIA (Attention Prefix Hunters). A special event station will be active **May 12-14th** from/near **Ulaanbaatar**, the capital city of Mongolia. The callsign is **JU1O**. QSL via HA0HW either via the HA bureau or direct to: Laszlo "Laci" Szabo, P.O.Box 24, Puspokladany, H-4151, HUNGARY.

Also, look for several Italian operators to be active from Mongolia from **May 23th to June 6th** as **JU1Y**. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW** - 50110, 28015, 24895, 21015, 18075, 14015, 10105, 7005, 3505 and 1825 KHz
- **SSB** - 50150, 28485, 24985, 21285, 18145, 14185, 7045, 3780 and 1840 kHz

JW, SVALBARD. Operators Lars/LA5LJA, Tor/LA7FJA and Jens/LA8LGA will be active **May 19-25th** as **JW5LJA**, **JW7FJA** and **JW8LGA**, respectively. Activity will be on all bands CW and SSB. QSL via home callsigns.

KH5 & KH5K, KINGMAN REEF AND PALMYRA ATOLL. The Kingman-Palmyra DX Group will activate two rare Pacific entities --- Kingman Reef (KH5K) and Palmyra Atoll (KH5) this year. Both counters sit high on the current "Most-Wanted Lists", with Kingman currently #3 in Europe. However, due to a special situation, their activation will occur in several phases over the summer and fall. About 1000 miles south of Hawaii, Palmyra Atoll is privately owned, and is currently in the process of being sold. The sale offers both challenges and opportunities for the DXpedition team. Their operations will be coordinated with all parties to the transaction, and they expect to benefit from temporarily enhanced access to the area. Accordingly, they plan several moderate-scale operations at Palmyra over the next several months by elements of their team, on a flexible schedule. Equipment is already on its way in preparation for these operations. The culmination of the plan will be a full-scale, 10-band activation of Kingman Reef in **October, 2000**.

THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION (along with WVNO Radio) will sponsor its **4th annual Hospitality Suite** at this year's Dayton Hamvention. It will be in Suite 1011 on the

10th Club Floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel (old Stouffers) on Friday and Saturday evenings. All DXers/Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be available. Come and meet the members and friends of NODXA.

OPSSS DEPARTMENT. In OPDX.459 (last week's bulletin), under "KH0, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS", we mentioned Ban's callsign was JF2WSX. This is wrong. It should be **JF2WXS**.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS. Frank/DL2SWW, Ric/DL2VFR and YL operator Gabi/DG2TM will be active from Faroe Islands (**EU-018**) between **May 29th and June 8th**. They plan to operate on 160-2 meters mostly on CW with some SSB and RTTY. For further info, contact Ric via E-mail at: dl2vfr@online.de

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Remember to look for Gerard, F2JD/PY2ZDX, to be active as **PY2ZDX/PY0F** now **through May 15th**. He will operate SSB/CW on 40-6 meters. After this operation he will go back to France.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- QSL **8S7IPA** via OZ5IPA direct only. The operator was Ben, OZ5IPA, who was active during last weekend's Police and ARI Contest. For more information, check the Web page: <http://www.iparc.com>
- Steve Taylor, G4EDG, reports that he has received QSLs from the printer and has sent out all direct requests (between September 1999 and January 2000) for **5W0ST, KH8/G4EDG** and **ZL/G4EDG** within the past few days. He is sorry for the delay, but Steve has only returned home from his trip about 1 month ago.
- QSL **ZW1EN** via PT2HF, J. L. V. Lunkes, PO Box 33, Brasilia/DF, 70359-970 Brazil. Operators PT2HF (Lunkes) and PY2HN (Martins) were active from Ilha de Villegagnon (DIB 29 - not IOTA).

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for **AX3ITU** on Wednesday, **May 17th**, 0001-2359z. This Special Event callsign will be operated by the Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club Melbourne (EMDRC) on behalf of the Wireless Institute of Australia (Vic Div). The callsign has been issued to celebrate the **135th anniversary of the formation of the International Telegraph Union**. QSL via the VK3 Bureau, or direct to the EMDRC (QTH) with SAE and return postage. If insufficient postage is received, the Special Event QSL card will be returned via the Bureau.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for **EO55HK** to be active now **through May 14th** in celebration of the **55th anniversary "Victory of Second World War"**. This special event station will be active on 160-10 meters CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31 and on the satellites (145/435 MHz) from grid KN69RA. QSL via UT1HT, P.O. Box 87, Kremenchug-21, 39621, UKRAINE.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for **SW1OF** to be active **now through May 30th** for the celebration of the **lighting of the "Olympic Flame"** (OF) in Olympia, Greece. Activity will take place on all bands/modes. QSL via SV1DKL.

SV5, DODECANESE. The "DX News Letter" reports to look for Ermanno, IK2WZD, to be active **between May and October** on SSB/RTTY/HEIL from the islands of **Lipsi**,

Agathonissi, Arki, Marati, Leros and Patmos (all EU-001).

SV9, CRETE. Walt/G3NYY, Tim/G4VXE, Dave/G4FRE/WW2R and Meg/G7FRE (YL operator) will be active as **SV9/homecall** from **EU-015** between **June 9-16th**. Activity will be on PSK31/RTTY/SSTV/Heil/CW on 160-6 meters, the WARC bands included, with some SSB on 50 MHz only. QSL SV9/G3NYY via G3NYY, SV9/G4VXE via G3SWH, SV9/G4FRE via WW2R, SV9/G7FRE via N2NQL.

T8, PALAU. Look for **T88SH** to be active from **May 25-30th** focusing mainly on 10-meter FM and HF CW. Operator will be Tokyo-based foreign correspondent Steven Herman (AP Network News & Discovery Channel). QSLs to his home call, K7USJ or 7J1AIL. T88SH will be using 10 watts to a longwire on 10-meter FM from various locations. Main calling frequencies will be 29.3 and 29.6 MHz. For HF CW, T88SH is expected to use an FT-920 with 500w amp and a beam from the Palau Pacific Hotel. The station is expected to be most active in the mornings and after nightfall, Palau time (GMT +9).

VK, AUSTRALIA. "The 59(9) DXReport" reports that Peter, VK8PW, will once again be active from **Myra Camp in Arnhem Land**, a special Trust Territory in VK8-land, starting **May 16th to early September**, signing **VK8PW/8**. Look for activity on 20-10 meters SSB. QSL via VK8PW.

VK9W, WILLIS ISLANDS. Look for David, VK4ZEK, to be operating from here **May 10-16th** as **VK9WI**. Activity will be on CW and SSB, 160-6 meters. Also, look for the permanent beacon at 50051.5 kHz. For more details, check the Web page:
<http://www.qsl.net/vk9wi/lfreqs.htm>

XV7, VIETNAM. Rolf, SM5MX, is about to travel from Tokyo, his present QTH, to **Hanoi** to re-activate his call **XV7SW** from **June 11th to 19th**. Rolf will take part in the **All Asian Contest on CW**. He is now the only remaining XV station on CW since only 3W callsign are issued nowadays. QSL via SM3CXS as usual.

YO, ROMANIA. Jean Michel, F6AJA, will be active as **YO/F6AJA** from YO8FZ's QTH from **May 14-20th**. He states that this is not an DXpedition, and he will be active during his free time.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Bob Henderson, G3ZEM, will mount a CW operation from here during **September 2000**. Tristan is listed #29 in the DX Magazine's 1999 most wanted list. Bob and his XYL Karen will fly to Capetown at the end of August where they will join the Antarctic survey vessel "SA Agulhas" for their onward journey to Tristan da Cunha. The "SA Agulhas" is scheduled to sail on August 31st arriving at Tristan on **September 4th**. Operation is intended over a **20-day period** with departure for Capetown scheduled for **September 25th**. During their stay on Tristan, Bob and Karen will be guests of Andy and Lorraine Repetto (ZD9BV & ZD9CO) who between them have kindly provided every assistance in the planning of this trip and have indeed made it possible. The operation will be CW only, on all bands from 160 meters through 10 meters. Yagis will be used on all bands 20-10 meters with verticals on the lower bands. The trip is not a 100% DXpedition though high levels of activity are promised. Callsign and QSL information will be published when these have been confirmed together with other relevant information.

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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